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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)
SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: MRS MONDALE'S SCHEDULE

REF: A) BANGKOK 11585, B BANGKOK 11591, C) STATE 103476

1. FOLLOWING IS NEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MRS MONDALE
WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES TO OVERALL SCHEDULE
DISCUSSED IN REFTELS:

THURSDAY, MAY 4
1430 ARRIVE DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ARRIVAL CERMONIES

1500 ENROUTE ERAWAN HOTEL. ACCOMPANIED BY MRS WIRAT, MRS
APHIRA AND MRS WHITEHOUSE

1530 ARRIVE HOTEL

1600 DEPART HOTEL FOR SCHOOL FOR DEAF WHERE PCV DEL JUDY
TEACHES. (REF A)

1615-1645 VISIT SCHOOL FOR DEAF
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1700 ARRIVE HOTEL FOR PRIVATE TIME

1840 DEPART HOTEL FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING AND QUEEN

1900 AUDIENCE WITH KING AND QUEEN

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2020 DEPART ROYAL PALACE FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE

2030 DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

2300 (APPROX) RETURN TO HOTEL

FRIDAY, MAY 5

0915 DEPART ERAWAN HOTEL FOR DIN DAENG REFUGEE TRANSIT CENTER

0930-1000 VISIT DIN DAENG REFUGEE CENTER

1000-1200 THERE ARE TWO ACTIVITIES WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE OF INTEREST FOR MRS MONDALE DURING THIS TIME. THEY ARE EITHER:
(A) VISIT TO THE GRAND PALACE AND WAT PRADAEW LOCATED IN THE SAME COMPOUND AS THE GRAND PALACE, THE WAT PRAKAEW WHICH HOUSES THE FAMOUS EMERALD BUDDHA IS THAILAND'S MOST REVERED SHRINE. THE WAT ITSELF IS A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF THAI ARCHITECTURE AND IS SURROUNDED BY MANY COLORFUL AND ELABORATE BUILDINGS, STATUES AND MURALS FROM THAI RELIGION AND FOLKLORE. THE GRAND PALACE CONTAINS SOME OF THE MOST STRIKING AND VIVID BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTRY. THE THAI WOULD WELCOME MRS MONDALE'S VISIT TO THIS NATIONAL SHRINE AND IT WOULD PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE. OR (B) VISIT TO SUAN
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PAKKARD AND JIM THOMPSON'S HOUSE.
AS INDICATED SEPTEL, SUAN PAKKARD PALACE IS A PRIVATE MUSEUM AND THE HOME OF PRINCESS CHUMBHOT. IT CONSISTS OF FINE EXAMPLES OF THAI STYLE TEAK HOUSES, ARTIFACTS, SCULPTURE AND BAN CHIENG POTTERY. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER PRINCESS CHUMBHOT, HERSELF, WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON CORONATION DAY TO SHOW MRS MONDALE AROUNG BUT, IF NOT, A KNOWLEDGABLE GUIDE, FAMILIAR WITH BAN CHIENG POTTERY WILL BE ARRANGED. PRINCESS CHUMBHOT'S COLLECTION OF 4000 BC BAN CHIENG POTTERY IS UNIQUE.

NEARBY IS THE HOURS OF JIM THOMPSON, THE AMERICAN WHOSE DISAPPEARANCE WITHOUT A TRACE WHILE ON A VISIT TO THE CAMERON HIGHLANDS IN MALAYSIA IN 1967 HAS REMAINED UNSOLVED. HE LEFT AS A LEGACY TO THAILAND HIS COLLECTION OF BEN CHARONG POTTERY AND THAI ARTIFACTS WHICH ARE DISPLAYED IN HIS THAI STYLE HOUSE. JIM THOMPSON'S HOUSE IS, IN TURN, ONLY A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE HOTEL. AS REQUESTED BY MRS ABELL WE HAVE LOOKED INTO ARRIVING BY WATER, BUT AT THIS LATE DATE IN THE RAINY SEASON THE KLONG (CANAL) WATER IS DISGUSTING AND WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND GOING BY CAR.

1200-1345 PRIVATE LUNCH IN HOTEL

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1345 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1415-1430 DEPARTURE FORMALITIES

1430 WHEELS UP FROM BANGKOK FOR JAKARTA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MRS MONDALE'S INTEREST IN POTTERY, WE ARE CONTINUING TO LOOK FOR AN ACCOMPLISHED POTTER IN THE BANGKOK AREA WHICH MRS MONDALE MIGHT FIND WORTH VISITING. OUR INITIAL EFFORTS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT ENCOURAGING. MOST THAI POTTERY IS PRODUCED IN THE NORTH WHERE THE MATERIALS AND SKILLED ARTISANS ARE LOCATED.
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